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SUBJ: SENECALESE PURCHASE AMERICAN TUNA BOATS

DEPT PLS PASS EXIM BANK

ABJ FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

REF: A. DAKAR 0731, B. STATE 002509 OF JAN 8, 74.

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH DR IBRAHIMA MALICK DIA,
DIRECTOR OF SOSAP (GOS CONTROLLED TUNA FISHING CO)
ON FEB 25 TO DISCUSS DIA'S RECENT VISIT TO US.
REF A. DIA ATTENDED LAUNCHING OF FIRST OF THREE SENECALESE
TUNA BOATS BEING BUILT BY TACOMA BOATBUILDING
CO IN TACOMA FEB 8. DIA EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION
WITH BOAT AND SPEED WITH WHICH IT WAS BUILT.

2. LAUNCHING OF BOAT RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE
PRESS ATTN AND FILM OF LAUNCH PROVIDED BY USIS WAS
SHOWN ON TV NEWS.

3. DIA INDICATED FIRST BOAT WOULD UNDERGO TESTS AND
TRAINING OF CREW IN US FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. BOAT TENTA-
TIVELY SCHEDULED ARRIVE DAKAR LATE AUG. SECOND AND
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THRID BOATS TO BE LAUNCHED IN TACOMA IN MAY AND EARLY

AUG. DIA INDICATED HE WILL RETURN TO TACOMA FOR LAUNCH
OF THIRD BOAT.

4. JERRY HILLENBRAND AND WILLIAM MURPHY OF CHASE
MANHATTEN BAK VISITED SENEGAL FEB 21-26 PRIMARILY TO
DISCUSS CHASE'S LOAN TO GOS TO ENABLE SOSAP TO PURCHASE
BOATS. FIRST REPAYMENTS TO CHASE WERE DUE IN SEPT AND
HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. CHASE DEL MET WITH DIA
AND WITH ABDOULAYE SOW, DIRECTOR OF CREDIT IN MIN
FINANCE, AND LEFT DAKAR OPTIMISTIC THAT MISUNDERSTANDING
ABOUT LOAN HAD BEEN RESOLVED. SENEGALESE PROMISED TO OPEN
ACCT WITH CHASE AS SOON AS MIN OF FINANCE ABLE
TO SIGN NECESSARY PAPERS.

5. COMMENT: NOT CLEAR AT PRESENT WHETHER SENEGALESE
DELAY IN REPAYMENT CHASE LOAN DUE TO BUREAUCRATIC SLIPS
OR MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS. CHASE DEL LEFT SENEGAL
SATISFIED THAT PROBLEMS WERE ON TRACK TOWARD RESOLUTION.
SUGGEST DEPT AND/OR EXIM MAY WISH CONTACT CHASE
FOLLOWING RETURN OF HILLENBRAND AND MURPHY IN LATE MARCH
AFTER EXTENSIVE AFRICAN SWING TO DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY
PROGRESS ACHIEVED.

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